(a) the details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to the Maharashtra Government during the last three years for various projects;

(b) whether the State Government has used this grant to the particular project or diverted this fund to other project(s); and

(c) whether the State Government has been submitting periodical reports on the expenditure to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The details of funds given by Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to the State of Maharashtra under its schemes/projects during the last three years (2006-07 to 2008-09) are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	National Lake Conservation Plan	230.00	100.00	75.50
2.	National River Conservation Plan	1009.00	521.47	0.00
3.	National Afforestation Programme	1593.09	2991.77	2187.03
4.	Intensification of Forest Management	103.46*	232.84	232.00
5.	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	223.85	331.33	390.22
6.	Project Tiger	238.56	295.72	411.12
7.	Project Elephant	50.40	56.30	77.76
8.	Environment Education and Awareness (Directorate of Social Forestry, Maharashtra)	237.30	232.53	236.35
9.	Environmental Information System (ENVIS) (Environment Department, Maharshtra)	0.00	6.93	2.67
10.	Assistance for Abatement of Pollution (Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)	0.00	0.00	35.42
11.	Common Effluent Treatment Plant (Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)	223.03	252.09	323.94

*Funds were sanctioned but adjusted against the earlier unspent funds.

(b) The grants have been utilized for the projects for which these were sanctioned.

(c) Yes, Sir. Periodical reports/ utilization certificates on the schemes/projects are submitted to this Ministry; as required by the Government of Maharashtra.

Implementation of environmental policies

2460.SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any periodic review for implementation of environmental policies and/or of the steps taken to combat the global warming is conducted; and

(b) if so, when the last review was conducted and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) A Coordination Committee chaired by Prime Minister called Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change to coordinate national action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change was constituted on 6th June 2007.

(b) The last Meeting of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change was held on 3rd June 2008. As decided by the Council, the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was released on 30th June 2008 to outline India's strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change. The National Action Plan outlines steps that will enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhance the ecological sustainability of India's development path. National Missions envisaged under the NAPCC are at various stages of finalization.

Processing of agricultural produce

2461.SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India currently processes only five per cent of its total agricultural produce;

(b) whether the value of agricultural produce wasted due to lack of cold chain and other infrastructure amounts to a staggering Rs. 30,000 crore a year;

(c) whether Government is attempting to raise the capacity of the food processing industries to process at least 20 per cent of the total agricultural produce by 2015; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) It is estimated that the processing level in the food processing sector has gone up from 6% to 10 % and value addition has gone up from 20% to 26% during last five years. The level of wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 50,000 crores occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of Primary Processing Centres, Collection Centres, cold chain facilities, transportation; proper storage facilities etc. However, there has been substantial increase in rate of growth of the food processing industry from 7% in 2003-04 to 14.06 % in 2006-07 which has contributed in reduction of wastages and better value addition.

To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme